

# JJ&RA - SPECIAL COMMITMENT CENTER

## SCC Administrative Services



### 2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)
GF-State	(180,000)	(180,000)	(360,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(180,000)</b>	<b>(180,000)</b>	<b>(360,000)</b>

#### REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration (JJRA), Special Commitment Center (SCC) is submitting the following reduction option that would eliminate two FTEs. By implementing this reduction, SCC expects to have minimum quality assurance and policy and planning services which may result in adverse finding by the Inspection of Care Team (IOC) if mental health treatment standards are not met.

#### REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL

Previous budget cuts forced administrative staff reductions of 46 percent. The administrative staffing level has remained the same since 2011 although support requirements have increased significantly. The FTEs identified in this reduction option are directly associated with quality assurance, risk management and policy and planning. The loss of these FTEs may decrease the ability to respond to increased administrative reporting requirements, day to day operational requirements, and resident complaints. Due to previous budget reductions, there has been a reduced capability to accomplish Department, Administration and SCC strategic initiatives. There has also been diminished ability to oversee key responses to report findings from external inspections. The loss of an additional two positions may exacerbate the existing problems. This is a partial reduction of key SCC and client support.

This action will not result in a reduction of federal funding but may result in significantly increasing the risk of a new injunctive action being filed if SCC is not able to repurpose existing positions to ensure SCC's civil commitment programs adequately meet the mental health treatment standards. SCC will re-evaluate existing positions to address the potential shortfalls.

The reduction will be spread over two fiscal years and will be accomplished via attrition, if possible. If the reductions are required at the beginning of each fiscal year, then required notifications of termination will be forwarded within the last month of the preceding fiscal year of execution.

#### STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Key stakeholders include defense attorneys for the SCC residents, Attorney General, Courts and independent review organizations. All stakeholders may experience a significant increase in activity to mitigate actions needed to address if non-compliance with statutory requirements.



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